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COVER

It's fall for felines, too. Thus this harvest season cover for CATS by Bette Griffin of Stamford, Conn., who strives to portray cats in natural actions under natural light. (See page 24 for note on the July cover.)

NEEDED: GOOD CAT FILMS Guest Editorial by Alex Siodmak

The cat owner is the forgotten man or woman. Though the ownership of a dog has become a status symbol, cat people often are maligned and ridiculed and receive looks which usually are reserved for backward children.

"Oh, we hate cats, but we love dogs," is an often-heard remark which cuts deeply into the heart of the cat owner.

As if to add insult to injury, the dog food industry has some excellent motion pictures on dogs (such as *Member of the Family*, distributed free by Association Films), but similar recognition has not been given to the cat.

Though there are several hundred cat organizations in the United States, not one is able to put on a cat film program for lack of one vital ingredient: A GOOD CAT FILM.

The sponsored film enjoys an average weekly audience of over twenty million viewers (source: The New York Times). You can rent a film on any conceivable subject from The Art of Gift Wrapping (Hallmark Cards) to How to Catch a Cold (Kleenex) to Your Share in Tomorrow (New York Stock Exchange). You can learn about the ABC's of Beef Cookery (Armour & Co.) to Your Prankfurter Fauorites (also Armour). But you cannot learn about cats! There is no film to educate the uninitiated to the fact that cats are lovable, clean, excellent pets; clean, good companions; clean, undemanding in-

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(*) A sponsored film is loaned free to organizations who pay only the postage. All other costs (production, prints and distribution) are paid by the sponsor—a manufacturer who has something to sell. Though his advertising message is usually of the "soft sell" technique—he does get his point across.

Cats Question Box

Conducted By E. A. Renaux, D.V.M.

Would diet cause a Longhair female cat to have a rash which makes her tail lose its hair? It seems to get worse in the hot weather, and the lotion the veterinarian has prescribed loses its efficiency in summer. I would appreciate any help you could give me.

-Fthel Lee

25 Roop Ave., Leonardo, N. J.

The problem of seasonal rashes and bair losses is one that veterinarians lose hair over also. As to the cause, there are many factors: diet, hot weather, allergins. It is a problem that can be handled only individually with each case, and different treatments and medications used until one works satisfactorily.

I have had several litters of kittens die rather suddenly lately. The only symptoms are drowsiness and not nursing. These symptoms appear when the kittens are one or two weeks old.

6070 Davis Court, McLean, Va.

The only possibility I can think of if there is similar breeding in these litters would be the possibility of some inherent weakness that becomes noticeable at that time, and which the kittens are not able to become strong enough to overcome.

When we adopted our two cats they both had long, luxurious whiskers, but soon the whiskers started breaking off and have continued to do so. We feed the cats canned cat foods plus raw liver and kidneys and added vitamins. What can be wrong? -Mrs. J. H. Seipel

4817 South 31, Arlington 6, Va.

I just have no idea as to why the whiskers are so "weak" when the cats are well in every way. Assuming all else is normal, there should be no reason for it unless it is purely mechanical from sticking their noses where they shouldn't be.

Is there any treatment for a brown discoloration on a six-monthold Smoke Persian's paw? It seems to be his only flaw.

8945 S. 11th Ave. Oak Creek, Wis.

No, if it is the color of the fur. Sometimes if there is a skin irritation of the feet and they constantly lick at it there may be a brownish-red discoloration and clearing up of the irritation will usually result in a normal color again.

A few months ago my four-year-old spay suddenly became very disturbed. She would start by twitching the muscles of her back; her hair would bristle; and she would violently switch her tail, then bite it near the tip. She has been to three veterinarians all of whom have given her completely differing advice and treatmnt. Have you a suggestion?

-Mrs. J. W. Ashland

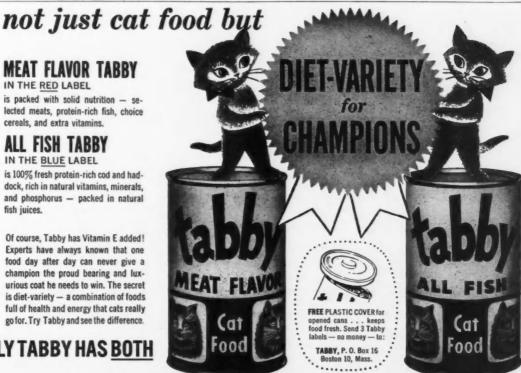
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This type of condition can be very vague and difficult to diagnose. When other treatment has failed, I usually resort to the administration of B complex vitamins and vitamin B-12.

Can't recall ever having read your advice on the cleaning of cats' ears. Could you suggest the best way to keep them free of wax and dirt . . . or how to get rid of waste that is already there. Perhaps some views on bathing to combat fleas? -Mrs. C. K. Cochran

Rt. 1, Box 173, Cornelius, Oregon

DO NOT USE A SWAB TO CLEAN THE EARS. I use a mild detergent solution in the ear and massage the ear to loosen the wax and dirt in it. Then with some cotton or gauze clean the ear canal. When wax or dirt is tightly packed in the ear I use a small wire loop. With this I am able to get under and lift out the material and not push any down in further. There are a number of commercial preparations that are safe to use on cats to control fleas by bathing. It is perfectly good treatment to hathe cats when necessary.



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HURT FEELINGS

Dear Editors:

Did you ever see a cat pouting? Putsy does it whenever he is angry. Everytime he is scolded or just doesn't get his own way he runs over to the chair, drapes himself over the rung and glares at us.

His fat little tummy and mitten paws make quite a picture when he is so posed. Arlene Recla

2300 S. Broad St. Trenton, New Jersey

BLOOMING KITTENS

Dear Editors:

My fondness for cats extends into the garden. There have long been pussy-willows and catnip growing there. Now my new favorite, Pansy Felix, joins the ever-growing cat-plant clan.

I have always enjoyed the quaintness of pansy faces but the pansy of all pansies is the famous Felix. This species is referred to as the "cat's whiskers". They are well ruffled flowers of good size, blooming on plants standing about one foot high. On each flower, no matter what the color, is a marked intricate pattern of dark lines against a lighter background. These are the whiskers of Felix, the cartoon cat.

The dark lines characterize the strain and the effect is striking. Vigorous and compact, the plant grows well in good garden soil and blooms until late in the year. They are lovely for borders or rock garden. The seeds or plants can be purchased at most seed stores or ordered from catalogs.

Ruth K. Stroh

13 Sherwood Road Cockeysville, Md.

BUT THEY'RE NICE WORDS Dear Editors:

Mere words cannot express how helpful your magazine has been to me. Two years ago I began raising cats as a hobby with nothing but my general love of animals to guide me. The trial and error method works fine, but can sometimes be quite a painful experience when working with creatures you love.

In the short time I've received your magazine, I have learned many valuable facts.

Thanks to your magazine and my very fine veterinarian, things are running smoothly for me.

Eunice G. Lovrine

Rt. 1, Box 577 Oconomowoc, Wis.

CAT CHAT

Dear Editors:

I knew I'd putter around and miss your excellent renewal offer. However, life without CATS would be too dull to contemplate so count me in for another two years . . . even at advanced rates.

We, the girls, Lena, Mrs. 'Iggins, Goober, Mimi, Blanche, and myself, are an elderly crotchety harem. All opinionated, snug and content with each other. Much beloved Chop-Chop died this summer so the Head-of-the House is the only male in our small but satisfying world.

I suspect "witch" is another word used as we potter about on the beach or in the timber where weird and wonderful things happen.

Humming birds chase cats, cats chase gulls, gulls chase people. One enchanted moment, a butterfly lit on Mimi's magnificent plume of a tail and stayed for a few indolent wags before flying off to hover over a tiny fern-crowded spring. But then, you have cats and could outyarn me, I'm sure

Thanks for the new friends I've made through the editor's page.

Rt. 6, Box 148

Pt. Orchard, Washington



A SIAMESE TOAST

Dear Editors:

Now that it is fall and the mornings aren't as warm as they have been, it seems natural to find Prince and Princess up on the stove between the coffee pot and the tea-kettle. They love heat and gravitate to the warmest spot they can find.

Mrs. Wally Willrick

30 Stewart Street East Islip, L. I., N. Y.

ADDRESS, PLEASE

Dear Editors:

I would like to offer a suggestion to those whose cats are allowed to go outside unattended. Those handy name and address labels used on letters are just the right size and width to attach to a cat's collar. If the identification disk has not been engraved, you trim the label to fit. A coat of clear nail polish on it will protect the lettering from the weather.

This gives any lost or straying cat a better chance to be returned to its owner. Vida H. Grant

Rt. 1, Box 150 Longwood, Fla.



WHO KNITS ANYMORE?

Dear Editors:

Fluffy, quite like the modern matron, now uses the electric sewing machine to prepare for her new family. She spent hours sitting watching me use the machine and the photo seems to prove she at least mastered the art of threading the needle.

Mrs. Kenneth Bales

Mrs. E. Rutz

38 North Broad Street Binghamton, N. Y.

MORE PICTURES

Dear Editors:

Of all the magazines I receive each month, CATS is the first read and most enjoyed. I'd like a page every issue devoted to the pet-cats of your readers. They are the most interesting of all.

Wish someone would write an article on infestation of the cat by worms. My cats have been treated many times but they still recur. Isn't there any complete cure?

Rt. 2, Box 697 Stevensville, Mich.

DREAMS

Dear Editors:

The recent letters commenting on the "show cat" versus the "pet cat" interest me very much. I do think the show cats tend to dominate, but I find a great deal to interest me in every issue.

I am interested in any article on feeding and care for we all want pets that are healthy and clean whether we attempt to win ribbons or not.

Although I have only two cats, I have dreams of owning a huge, successful cattery and winning all kinds of honors. So, I

find all the magazine informative.

I must not leave out the advertisements because I enjoy them too. Particularly at Christmas time when the pages are full of cute things for and of cats. Perhaps I should decide to sell them instead of cats. They would be easier to part with.

Pauline Lane

29 Willard St. Malden, Mass.



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"Oh, the cats of Bottle-Alley They have formed a black-foot ballet! They are holding un-dress rehearsals On our back fence every night.

You never heard such squalling And such hideous caterwauling As when those operatic Thomas cats Begin to claw and bite!

There are cats there from Hoboken Whose whiskers have been broken Fighting collar-and-elbow With Hamiltonian rats.

Thomas sings soprano With Maria's cousin Hannah, And you never heard such squalling As those Bottle-Alley cats!"

> —Harrigan and Hart (Music hall tune popular in the 1880's)

THOSE BOTTLE-ALLEY CATS!

by Eileen Davis

Near Bleeker Street and not far from Sheridan Square, there is a street in Greenwich Village which, by day, presents all the aspects of a combination truck terminal, playground for teen-age roisterers, grand concourse for leashed dogs, promenade for mothers with baby carriages, and speedway for delivery boys on bicycles. Incidentally, the street happens to be a bus route as well. Sometimes as the bus passes, a small, fur-bearing animal may be seen scurrying out of the way. Eyes (apprehensive eyes, perhaps of some cat fancier) bulge from the bus window, apparently trying to discover the fate of the scurrying cat.

I used to be that person on the bus, watching, worrying and wondering: What is the fate of the poor cat of the city streets? Those were the days when I was a mere visitor to New York and saw only the street scene. Now, from an apartment in the Village which has direct access to the street in front and a small garden behind, I have observed the New York street cat from behind the scenes. I have observed not only the cat but also what I think of as the cat underground movement. In a word, cats and people in New York are not always what they seem.

To begin, the cat of the street is dirty, often thin; he does not have abundant creature comfort—true. The New Yorker, when first encountered, is aloof, cool, matter-of-fact and uncommunicative—true. In the first case, the street cat has some-

thing precious to partly make up for his discomfort, freedom. In the second case, I have come to believe that the New Yorker won't let you "in" until he is sure that you are as fantastically mad about animals as he is. Since I have become known in the cat underground there has been no lack of warmth, quite the reverse!

Perhaps a picture of the street by night will make the point. It is dark; particularly it is dark in the back gardens and area ways of the street. In front, the street lamps cast an uncertain yellow haze and a few people walk quickly. The telephone rings. It is R. R. who says, "I hear a cat, and it's not a voice I know!" I put down the phone and go to the fence with my specially beamed flashlight. Standing on a stool, placed for the purpose, I throw the beam into the murky corners of the next few yards. No luck! I have learned, since coming here, never to neglect the heavens, because many lost cats cling to fire escapes; so I play my beam up and down the adjoining buildings. At first, I was timid about doing this, afraid that an irate head would pop out to reprove me, but now I know that behind many of those windows are cat owners who are, in spirit, members of the cat underground-and many partisan cats, cheering on the work.

One requirement for being really active in the cat underworld movement on our street, is to have living quarters on the ground floor or basement level. However, above ground there are the lookouts, such as R. R.; the readers of advertisements for lost cats, such as many are; or the posters of notices for found cats. Some collectors of cats, as we all get to be, do live high up. As a matter of fact, one collector of that type, I am told, now has about twenty

cats. And in a veterinarian's waiting room I met a collector who (when asked how many) replied: "My friends ask me that and I say 'Why should I count my cats?'" And indeed, who can add prudence to felicity?

I am still standing on the stool by the fence, holding the flashlight, looking for a cat which I may or may not find. It may be a lost cat or, more likely, one of the Bottle-Alley cats, the regulars of the street, which we all feed and try to protect to some degree. Who are we of the cat underground? One of the most devoted is M., a supervisor of one of the big buildings on the street. To see him you could never guess; his disguise is perfect: heavy boots, low-pulled cap, and sardonic countenance. There is K., a waitress at a hurly-burly in mid-town; there is J. who runs a little shop around the corner and on warm summer nights puts out food and water for the terrific Toms of Bleeker Street. There is "the cat woman" whom I have never seen, but who is said to roam the area ways at black midnight looking for poor strays, herself badly in need of food. There is R. R. who has lived alone for ten years with her enormous ginger cat and who outspokenly prefers cats to people. "Cats are aristocrats," she informs me in accents of Boston. something to say in these days when they have a branch of the Junior League even in Albany!"

For every stray cat on our street, there must be at least two house cats. In fact I sometimes think that if these buildings were turned suddenly inside out, like the turning out of a gigantic closet, there would be more cats than people — or at least as many — and certainly more cats per person than in other urban areas of

In June 1959 Eileen Davis gave us her brilliant survey of the cats of Paris, illustrated by Lois Ann Davis. Now Eileen has moved to New York, and we are pleased to present her poignant report of that city—with illustration, again, by Lois Ann of Pittsburgh.



Illustration-Lois Ann Davis

the United States. We could hold our own with the farmers in the number of cats per capita!

Still, there are the strays. I think of Bleeker, my particular stray, who feeds on my back fence. He is grey with a white face and will wait soundlessly for hours until he hears the scraping of the red dish against the boards of the fence. The color of dust, he is well camouflaged; at night he can't be separated from shadow, and in the day, he modestly scurries from one area way to another, his stomach absolutely flat against the concrete and his tail operating like a beaver's. Bleeker never attracts attention to himself and has survived at least for the three years that he has been fed here. I imagine his cat IQ is genius, and if I could catch him, I would make him my own; but on the one occasion on which I tried to catch him, he climbed an unclimable fence and disappeared for weeks. There are, also, the cats that M. feeds across the street, including the pregnant mothers; these are the pitiful cases. Sometimes one or another of them is taken by one of us to the Speyer hospital, hopefully for adoption, but more likely for painless death. What else can be done? The animal rescue homes are jammed. There were the two striped cats, exactly alike, that lived on a window sill all one spring and were fed by K. Finally the owner came back from the hospital and claimed one of them; the "cat woman" took the other. Mightiest of all was the gigantic ginger-and-white Tom who roamed Bleeker Street until last summer. Filthy and fearless he galloped from garbage can to area way and was fed, when he showed up, by J. in front of her shop. But last summer marked his end, at least as far as we of the underground are aware. When I think of stray cats, too, I think of the litter of kittens in Rome, fitted into a hole in one of the columns of the Temple of Hadrian like nut kernels into a nut shell.

As for my own cat collection, it has grown by three in three years. Now, in addition to Strether, my senior cat, there is Mrs. Newsome, who appeared in the back garden one cold night last February, wearing a silly blue collar very unsuitable to her years and matronly contours. We didn't exactly take her in; she came in, and that ended the matter. We have Prunie, who was clinging to a fire escape on the fourth of July. "Help me!" she cried. "They went away for a week and left me locked out here!" Prunie, an angel, is pure white and still loves heights. We have recently, Growlie, a ginger-andwhite (I think he is a son of the gigantic Bleeker street Tom) who was the "wrong man" in a reward scheme. Rewards had been posted for an orange cat, and street boys seized Growlie from wherever he had been and took him to claim the reward. Wrong cat, of course; and, of course, I happened to see it all, so now we have Growlie. Advertising for owners proves fruitless. But Growlie is rather rewarding. himself.

Man may be more humane to cat than cat is to cat, for I have discovered that my felines, even the newly rescued ones, are Quislings in the underground movement. If a stray appears on the fence, no matter how poor and hungry, mine (with the exception of Mrs. Newsome who couldn't care less) may utter battle cries that result in flung-up windows and dash to the fence to fight. Fortunately they can't get to the stray, so Bleeker, if it is he, eats or waits for a quieter time to come back. Some strays are frightened, though, and don't return. On the other hand, some strays are permitted to eat and even lie on the fence in the sun without protest from my three. Why they like some strays and dislike others is their secret, but it is on this basis that the lucky ones who may eat are chosen, not on the basis of need.

So if ever you are passing through a crowded area in New York on a bus and thinking about cats as I used to do, be somewhat consoled. Behind those indifferent faces and in back of those bleak houses may be many a member of the cat underground and many a cat feeding station. I don't however, want to minimize the need for organized humane service for these animals. In my opinion, cats should be licensed and the strays should be got off the streets in this crowded city. However, since that isn't done, there are many who care. And who, within their means, do what they can to make life more tolerable for these fascinating, adorable animals.

FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

NOCTURNAL

He slips on sheathed and silent paws Beneath the garden gate; Then yawns and stretches guardedly And settles down to wait For any stir of night black leaf That marks the sleeping place Of little bird with weary wing Or small bewhiskered face Of twinkling nosed bewildered mole Who's searched too far from sheltering hole. He listens and with emerald eyes Half closed in listening He watches soft moth bodies fly Past him on powdered wing. He hears the tree toad's symphony And splashing softly in the night The rock-bedded clear cool spring This is his world. This place where garden joins the wilder land And in his non-commital face There is no hint where he would stand If choice must be made Between foraging the night Or returning with me, to the warmth and the light.

- Ida Hall Brown

SCAT

The noises a kitty-cat makes are small—

Wee meows from pink-satin lined mouth.

A satisfied singing under its breath, A shower of quick taps on the kitchen floor.

Silk swishings against its mistress' dress,

Soft thud as it springs to precarious perch

At a window that watches the street— But crash!

Down goes a vase! Are you sure I said

The noises a kitty-cat makes are small?

— Alice L. Anderson

TO MY CAT, IMP

Let them laugh because I love you so. Friend of my heart and hearth, they may not know

That wiser folk than I, of long ago, Learned in stars and ancient sophistry Worshipped your fine and noble ancestry:

That in museum of Egyptian fame Row upon row of cats, some with a name,

Sit solemnly in state, cats mummified With all the pomp and care of kings who died.

- Marjorie Sommers Scheuer

GENTLE ANNIE LAURIE

A little car (as softly grey as floating cloud) has no free-will; but goes where she is sent; and sits where she is put; and eats what someone places in her plate. (Poor little orphan cat . . . this is her fate.) But, sometimes when the big, round vellow moon looks down, all her feline instincts

all her feline instincts throb... remembering the same bright moon above a broken backyard fence where someone with a furry black-striped face glanced up at her and purred, "You're late!"

-Jay Wallace

Upon what target is that radar tuned? That tiny set with slim antennae focused to some strange wavelength still unfound?

-Thaddeus Hauxhurst

WAITING

A cat waiting

or in the shadow.

In the sun

Whether asleep or awake, Always waiting. He may play, or eat or run but he's always ready, if the time for waiting should end. He waits, not for a bird or a bowl of milk but for a time. A time when he can move unquestioned up Mr. Darwin's ladder to the top.

-Janet Auchter

MY PETS OF YESTERYEAR

If all the cats that I have loved
Throughout life's varied weather,
Could by some kind magician's art
Be gathered all together;
A castle, even, might not hold
The feline throng, I fear—
But oh, what glad reunion with
The pets of yesteryear!

The Silvery-grey, the night-black ones,
The Persian, white as snow,
The Tabbies and the Siamese—
The mother Calico;
The kitten with the broken leg,
That tiny crippled stray,
The homely toms with battle scars
So seldom home to stay.

Ah me, my eyes grow wet to think
How very glad I'd be
Once more to hear the purrs and see
My feline family!
For pets may come and pets may go,
And still I hold most dear
The gentle cats, the friendly cats—
My pets of yesteryear!
— Edith Osborne Thompson

CHANGELING CAT We had a cat who danced all night,

Green-eyed and wild, in elfin way.
He climbed up roof-tops, tapped on windows,
Leaping, clowning every day.
A pooka cat of fairy ilk,
He only waited to be gone—
One moonlit night he disappeared;
We could not find him with the dawn.

One moonlit night he disappeared;
We could not find him with the dawn.
Of course he's joined the fairy band,
Riding the wind with rare delight.
And now he lives inside some hill
In a magic palace, crystal bright.
But if he tires of dancing feet,
Of rich, exotic fairy food,
And if he longs for quiet rest
And mortal living, plain and good,
I hope that he can break their spell.
I'll wait for him and wish him well.
—Miriam Ashley Kozelka

COUNTRY KITTEN

When snow is deep and night's at five, He takes a brick-warm snooze To accent what fire's for And lure you to his views.

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- Rick Coffey



Rainbow Sistesso is a 100-year-old Sioux-Mohawk Indian princess, great granddaughter of Chief Yellow Cloud. She still is keenly interested in people and pets—especially cats, and especially her Skippy shown here.—Helen Ellsberg photo.



This delightful study of a studious little statue and a serious little cat was sent us by Anker Roepstorff, Copenhagen, Denmark.

The mirror shot features two of Mrs. Carl Goets' kits, by Gladys Justice.



Mary L. Mark took this pic of Susie with six - year - old Sylvia W a igert, natives of Frobisher bay in the Canadian East Arctic.



LeRoy H. Mahony claims the playful Siamese. "The Singers" is by Yook O. Hom. NCW Seal features Gordon Laughner's shot of Elissa Elder's 1958 All-American Qt. Ch. Reene's Scamp of Silver Vista, now owned by Jeanette Pratt.







Roberta Thompson owns the tiny drops of Blue Cream Longhairs shown above.

> Helen Ellsberg is crusading again to show toping cats just what drink can lead to.





OLLIE-MARIE AND TOPAZ is a famed painting by artist Beatrice Edgerly. Both pose often—patiently, if reluctantly—for the artist. Topaz, eighteen and completely blind, nevertheless recently made his way home over more than a mile of desert after having been kidnapped by some neighborhood children.



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plaints are always investigated, but almost

always they are found to be minor mis-

understandings. Only once in the past ten

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But, as we said, there are sometimes

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That will settle it. Then it's up to you to send the breeder a deposit immediately and to arrange to pay the balance before the kitten is shipped.

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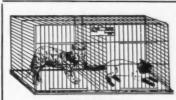
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FELINE INTELLIGENCE

by Starr Gilmore

Cats have, among the ten most intelligent animals, the honorable ranking of sixth or, according to others who try to measure such intangibles, fifth place. From the look of things there is not too much difference and apparently it is this factor which has caused trouble. For the benefit of the more curious, the ten are listed in the following order: the chimpanzee, orangutan, gorilla, monkey, dog, cat, raccoon, elephant, pig, and horse. It is my supposition that the term "cat" includes all of the Felidae. And since there is a choice, and some margin of doubt, I am going to insist that our feline friends should be rated above dogs. My reasons therefor I shall briefly state.

There is a much greater degree of homogeneity among cats than is the case with dogs. Canines range all the way from relatively high intelligence to a number of sorts which are notably stupid. For example, few but bulldogs pretend that bulldogs have very much sense, and the purpose of their breeding being kept in mind it occasions us no astonishment. On the other hand, cats have been biologically less interfered with and have benefited thereby. And therefore, when dogs and cats are considered upon the whole, there will be found fewer stupid cats than there are stupid dogs.

More people than should, make the mistake of supposing that the difficulty of teaching cats tricks is an argument against their intelligence. But quite to the contrary, it may be looked upon as an argument in their favor. Cats are notoriously among the most independent of creatures and they are very much inclined to suit their own devices. Cats look upon tricks as being beneath their dignity and they generally decline to suffer what some are pleased to call loss of face. Dogs, because they are often pathetically anxious to please, learn tricks of many kinds. In common with many, I sincerely admire the independence of my feline friends and I consider this trait one of their greatest

Of course, we must at all times distinguish between instinctive behavior and intelligent behavior. All females call their kittens in the same manner and it is not something they ever have to learn. Their intelligent doing of things is quite another matter. We may define intelligence as something learned which is apart from instinct and strictly to the benefit of whatever creature may be concerned. It is largely for this reason that we can rule tricks out almost at once.

A California cat has his home in a fire station in Long Beach. As all cats hate noise and confusion, and I think rightly so, a fire alarm always sees him the first one down the pole. And with the restoration of peace and order, he returns to his placid existence. A picture was published in a

local paper not too long since showing him sliding down the pole.

We have here an excellent example of intelligence and of unique kind. This particular cat had learned the value of the pole in making a swifter exit than would otherwise be possible. Personally, he arouses my admiration and we may be sure that he has many friends among the fire fighters. And whereas he is something of a copy cat, he is also a clever one.

Another cat, a Siamese male, learned something that really struck me with astonishment. At his home in Portland, Oregon, it was noticed for some time by members of his family that the fairly heavy front door was open now and then and for no reason that could be explained. This situation caused more than a little puzzlement. The explanation came when one of the family hid behind a hedge and watched the door.

He was amazed to find that the cat had learned to open it, a feat that required extraordinary agility and muscular coordination. He leaped up on the door, braced himself with three feet, and used his right front foot to slap the knob about. Since more than a few refused credence, a picture was taken which proved beyond all doubt what he had learned to do. I know of another cat who has learned to make use of a special door bell, and the Bill Early photo herewith shows one who uses the knocker. How did these cats learn to do this? It certainly would be interesting to know.

A friend of mine has a female who did a rather odd thing. Confronted with an urgency of nature, she made it plain that she wanted outside. Her request was not immediately granted because other business was at hand and it was considered that she could wait at least a few minutes. But the urgency was greater than had been imagined, and unable to wait longer, she leaped into the bathtub and made use of the drain.

Some interesting experiments have been made with cars in the way of trying to make alcoholics of them. They had to go through mazes that were finally made so difficult as to be beyond their ability. If sufficiently frustrated, it was found that some of them would take to alcohol, even though the doing of it was found no easy accomplishment. But the frustrations being removed, the cats so concerned immediately returned to their normal manner of life and refused further interest in alcohol.

By way of interesting contrast, elephants take very kindly to alcohol and can easily enough become confirmed topers. Circus elephants have on occasion been given huge toddies to soothe a stomach ache and the big pachyderms really enjoy the sensation, even to the extent of faking illness in order to get a second helping.

In many ways, cats are not truly domes-



-Bill Early Photo

ticated, a thing that works to their advantage. Without human help, the vast majority of dogs would perish utterly for they cannot revert to the wild and make a living. But cats can and do revert to the wild and can and do make a living for themselves. It needs no argument to show that intelligence of a fair order is required for such an existence.

And although I have no knowledge that anything of the kind has ever been attempted, it certainly would be possible to raise the intelligence level of cats by continually picking out the cleverest individuals for mating purposes. Of course, it must be admitted that such a thing would serve no particular end that would be of much use to us.

We should always keep in mind that cats probably have intelligence variations fully equal to those seen in the human race. And although I have seen one or two examples of what I would call neuroticism, yet feline wit seems to survive into age without loss of much kind.

When in my salad days, and somewhat greener in judgment, I used to imagine that humanity had effected enormous improvements in both plant sand animals. Nowadays, I am decidedly inclined to skepticism. What we mean by "improveprovements in both plants and animals. are changes which work to our advantage. and it is actually possible to improve a species out of existence. From the biological point of view, cats are more successful than dogs for the sufficient reason that they have been a great deal less improved. And to the extent that we have rendered plants and animals helpless without human aid, and to the greater extent that this is true, the more is the biological balance against them.

For example, no plant on earth is much tougher than a wild rose. And on the other hand, no plant is more helpless than the domesticated variety which must be waited upon hand and foot. In a quite real sense of the word, they have actually degenerated.

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POLLING A CAT SHOW

by Jean Strohl

My first cat show confused me completely. So did the second. But after the third, I began to feel a little better. It wasn't that I knew any better what was going on — far from it. But I began to realize that almost everyone I met at the shows was as confused as I was.

Conversations would go like this: First Exhibitor: Have they judged our class yet?

Second Exhibitor: I don't know—I think the announcer was eating crackers while he called the numbers.

First Exhibitor: Well, what's being judged next?

Second Exhibitor: Who knows?

Lady With Small Food Dish In Hand: Do you know here the cat food is?

Man With Sanitary Tray In Hand: No, sorry. Do you know where the litter is? is?

Lady WSFDIH: No, but if I find out I'll let you know.

Man WSTIH: Thanks, I'll do the same for you.

Or even:

Little Spectator: Mamma, what kind of kitty is that?

Adult Spectator: That's a nice grey kitty, dear, like our Mittens.

(That's the All-Sectional Russian Blue they are seeing—or, if a "nice brown kitty," a Burmese—and the exhibitor is too speechless with frustration to explain the difference, after having done it at least sixty-eight times that same day.)

To analyze this confusion typical of cat shows, I polled a number of people at a recent show. Some were exhibitors (both Genus Big Breeder and Genus One-Cat Owner) and some were spectators. The results of the poll were interesting, and, as might be expected—confusing.

All individuals surveyed owned at least one cat. Together, they accounted for 185 felines. But the total number of cats owned was, most often, four. The number owned second most often was-one! And here's encouraging news for those who hesitate to take Tabby or Ginger or Mittens to a show "with all those pedigreed cats"-sixty per cent of the people surveyed owend at least one non-pedigreed cat. Many, of course, also owned pedigreed cats, but only forty per cent owned pedigreed cats exclusively. It looks like our "alley cats" have a place of honor in the hearts of cat-show people, even if they must be content with one class, the Household Pet, at cat shows.

Also, many people do no know what they are seeing at a cat show. This is especially true of the twenty-four per cent who did not purchase a show catalog or directory. They could not, of course, identify cats from the cage number, even if they wanted to, without this directory. A person visiting a show without a directory must surely be ignorant of the fact

that a directory is vital to appreciation of the show, and would surely buy one if he understood this.

But even buying a directory does not help everyone. Eighty per cent of those polled knew what a "champion" was, but only sixty-four per cent knew the terms "novice" and "open," and sixty-eight per cent "spay." Considering that most exhibitors would know these terms, those who did not know them would most likely be the "paying public." If the terms could be explained to them, they would doubtless understand and enjoy the show much more. And, who knows, they might return next time and bring their friends!

As to just who is likely to be found at a cat show, not surprisingly, women outnumber men more than two to one. Of the persons surveyed, forty-four per cent were in the twenty-to-forty age bracket, with the remaining individuals divided almost evenly between the forty-to-sixty age group and the "under twenty." It's pleasantly surprising to learn that this many children and young people are interested in cats.

But how do all these figures, and a few facts, add up? Of course, one poll taken at one show cannot be considered conclusive proof of anything. But there may be a suggestion or an idea in its results that could be useful to someone.

For instance, the large number of owners of non-pedigreed cats would no doubt be very happy if their cats could receive more recognition. A "popularity vote" on these cats by the spectators, with ballots being counted at the end of the show, might be one way which would not additionally tax busy judges, and would let the public participate pleasantly in the show.

Also, more people would understand the show if they had catalogs. Perhaps a poster could be placed near where the catalogs are sold, explaining this. And maybe, somewhere in the catalog, a list of "cat terms" could be printed and defined.

Further, considering the number of young people interested in cats, even more might develop interest in shows with advertising beamed directly at them. For instance, posters might be placed on school bulletin boards, or perhaps announcements could be made to such groups as Scouts and 4-H.

But finally, these suggestions are just that—only suggestions. Perhaps none of them would apply to your club's show. But if any of them would, I hope you will use them, and any others that develop out of your own experience and knowledge, to continue and even improve the traditionally fine—if at times confusing—shows of the Cat Fancy.

(Note: A specias :hanks to the Eastern Shore Cat Fanciers of Maryland, and Lynne Vanderpoel, show manager, who allowed this survey to be conducted as their recent show.)

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HELP FOR NEUTERS THAT SPRAY

By Jean Rosenberger

Neuters that spray are disturbed cats. At least, as my experience with an Abyssinian seems to prove, many of them are. Pasha was sold when he was about six months old. He was altered before he left, as are all my pet-type cats.

When he was about a year old, he was returned to me. His owner was going blind from cataracts and she could not be sure he did not get out. I immediately had the problem of reacquainting him with the older cats and kittens. He started in my bedroom and then was moved to a cage on the porch. He was not happy, but slowly relaxed to the point that he could be free in the house with the others.

With about thirty cats and ten kittens, I did not have too much time to pet any cat, let alone Pasha, very much, and he had been the "king" for a happy six months. Then, I found that some cat was spraying. As all my females spray when they are in season, I started looking for the guilty one. The gals were beginning to go into season again, so they in turn were caged; but still someone was spraying. Finally, I caught Pasha in the act.

I recalled that I had seen something in CATS Magazine about neuters spraying. A search disclosed that "hormones" was the answer, but there was not a word about what kind, how much, how long or why. I took Pasha to my vet, who gave him testosterone. Pasha continued to spray. Only now, since I was watching him, he was sneaky about it.

All this occurred over a span of about three months, with the girls getting into the act and spraying too, which confused me. So Pasha went back to the vet again, who said, "Let us try Dy-Cystogen." Pasha was given three half cc injections three days apart, and he began to crouch down like a good neuter should! But this was not all of his treatment. It was necessary to be sure that he was given enough attention so that he would not be in a continual state of upset, which would cause his adrenal glands to release the adrenalin that would stimulate his body to make malelike hormones. These in turn would make him act like a male cat and spray.

The only time I could be sure that he would feel he was getting my undivided attention was at night, so I started taking him to bed with me. It was winter, and cold in my room, so I invited him to sleep

under the covers.

Now, Pasha had not been a bedroom cat in his old home, and only briefly, when he first came back, had he been in my room, just for us to get acquainted. But that first night showed me I was on the right track. Purrs, such as I had never heard before, came up from the region of my feet, and there was much "making of bread". Pasha had not purred since his return, but he made up for the lost time on that first night. I got little sleep, since the thundering purrs started up each time I moved. He slept with me for about a month and then "weaned" himself. Nowa-days I make a point of scooping him up and giving him a heavy rubbing (all Abys seem to like this) about once a day. And I am glad to say that he has not sprayed since that time.

With summer and new kittens and the cat boarders coming, I shall be rather busy and Pasha may not have quite the attention he needs. He could start to spray again, or he may have adjusted to being one of many cats.

To you who may have a spraying neuter, I suggest that you find out what is disturbing your cat. Perhaps he is being teased by another cat, or perhaps by a human (foolish people that they are), or again there may have been a change made in his routine. Maybe something is different, causing him to release adrenalin. It might even be that he is being corrected too much. Give him the Dy-cystogen injections and make necessary changes. Good luck! Write me about your success or lack of it.

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About how to do it. You'll be tempted to look outside and say, "It's so warm and sunny—I'll wait for a week or so and then I'll order some gifts and write for some catalogs and start my holiday shopping."

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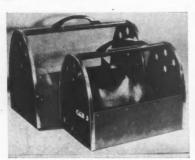
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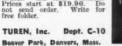


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12-13—Chicago, Ill.—North Shore Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Lillian Limpert); LH & SH Specialties (Hay McQuillen).
12-20—Rechestor, N. Y.—Genesee Cat Fanciers Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Lillian Limpert); LH & SH Specialties (Hay McQuillen).
12-20—Rechestor, N. Y.—Genesee Cat Fanciers (Ind.), All Breed (Lillian

Podulla). San Diego, Calif.—San Diego Cat Fanciers, Inc (CFA). All Breed (Blanche W. Smith); LH & SH Specialties (Kay Mc-

Quillen).
26-27—Honolulu, Hawaii—50th State Cat Fanciers (UCF). All Breed (Leigh Manley).
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MIAMI FLORIDA CAT FANCIERS

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Siamese and Shorthair Specialties

Mrs. George W. Brooks - Judge

Longhair Specialty

Mrs. E. A. Kunkel - Judge

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When?

January 7 & 8, 1961

(Saturday and Sunday)

Entries close December 2, 1960

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Dan Wood, Show Secretary 26 Remsen Street. Brooklyn 1. New York

Mrs. John W. Hoag, President, Empire Cat Club

A KINDLE OF CORRECTIONS

AA KITTEN TIE

Our apologies to Ch. Thani Choco Chip of Grandyl. She was tied for Best 1960 All-American female kitten—information which we omitted in our September listing.

MANX MIXUP

1960 Blue Cream Manx is Qd. Gr. Ch. and Qt. Ch. Ocean View Blue Paisley (AW) (AW 54; WHM, AHM 55; WHM 56; AW, AA 58; WHM 59), owned by Olive Hall. Db. Ch. Thel-Ward's Timmy and Ellan Vannin Clargue are AA and AHM Particolor Males

RED POINT RECTIFICATION

1960 All-American Red Point Siamese Female is Ch. Sundust Suda Fa Ying (AW), owned by Natalie J. Leoni.

HIGHEST RED TABBY HONOR

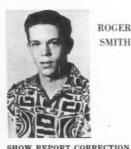
Highest-scoring All-Eastern LH male for 1960 as recorded on page 15 of the September CATS is Tr. Ch. Elco's Top Brass of

McKinley Park, Red Tabby owned by Mrs. Eugene Fouque. the first time in history that a cot of this color has gained such a high sectional win

We are sorry for these typographical mistakes and for any mis-understandings they may have caused. We appreciate the fore-bearance of the wronged cats and their owners.

ABOUT TOMMY AND ROGER

We deeply regret the printer's error which resulted in putting the name of the editor of the Junior Fanciers' column under the photograph of the late Roger Smith, the author of last month's article. Here's what Mrs. Brodie looks like, and also Roger's picture with the correct caption.



ROGER **SMITH**



TOMMY BRODIE

Detroit Persian Society, Inc. (CFA), Shorthair Specialty—Second B Cat; OS Cat, B FSH, B Manx—Mrs. Kelly of An-Si, Imp., Blk., Bieneman. Best Siamese—Laurentide Solitaire, Imp. of Madali, LP f. Christy. OS FSH, Siam—Ko Ko Khan of Madali, CP, M, LP f, Christy. Christy.

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CATS SHOW CALENDAR-from page 21

26-27—Costa Mesa, Calif.—COMBINED SHOWS. Western Cat Club (UCF) and Intra-Valley Cat Club (UCF). 3 All Breed Shows (Roberta Billig, Louis: Trevasso, Phyllis Whitney); 2 LH and 2 SH Specialties (Mary Ann Maxwell and Isabel Meader).

26-27-Dayton, Ohio-Dayton Cat Fanciers (CFA). A Reed); LH & SH Specialties (Frances Herms). All Breed (Louise December

3- 4—New Orleans, La.—Cat Fanciers of New Orleans, Inc. (CFA).
All Breed (Matil Rotter); LH & SH (Louise Heron).
3-4—Trenton, N. J.—William Penn Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Robert Martin); LH & SH Specialties (Mary Kate Carroll).
4—Hollywood, Calif.—Hawthorne Silver Fanciers (CFA). LH Specialty (Louise Reed).
10-11—Milwaukee, Wisc. — Milwaukee Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Kay McQuillen); LH & SH Specialties (Blanche Smith).
10-11—Paradise, Calif.—Tri-County Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Jack Foster); LH & SH Specialties (Dr. Fern Smith).

7- 8—White Plains, N. Y.—COMBINED SHOW. Empire Cat Club, Inc.
(CFA). All Breed (Frances Herms). Westchester Cat Club, Inc.
(CFA). All Breed (Naomi Favors); LH Specialty (Jean
Kunkel); SH Specialty (Dorothy Brooks).
7- 8—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Suncoast Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed
(Lorraine Wiesemann); LH & SH Specialties (Adeline M.
Dickey).

7-8—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Suncoast Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Lorraine Wiesemann); LH & SH Specialties (Adeline M. Dickey).
7-8—Burbank, Calif.—California Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Lillian Limpert); 4 Color Specialties (Genevieve O'Neill).
7-8—Cleveland, Ohio—Lake Eric Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Doris Hobbs); LH & SH Specialties (Louise Fiedler).
14-15—Kansas City, Mo. — Mo-Kan Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Stella Harlos); LH & SH Specialties (Louise Fiedler).
14-15—Tampa, Fla.—Tampa Cat Fanciers (CFA). AB, LH, SH. (tba).
21-22—Hollywood, Florida—The Catkins (ACFA). All Breed (Bett Tebbetts); LH & SH Specialties (Ree Rathburn); B/C Specialties (tba).
21-22—Columbus, Ohio—Ohio State Persian Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Maomi Favors); Silver & Solid Color Specialties (Richard Gebhardt).
21-22—Columbia, So. Car.—Palmettto Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Julia Hunter); LH & SH Specialties (Stella Harlos).
21-22—Columbia, So. Car.—Palmettto Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Julia Hunter); LH & SH (Dr. Fern Smith).
21-22—Dallas, Texas—Dallas Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Matil Rotter); LH & SH Specialty (Pat Johnson).
28-29—Fort Wayne, Ind.—Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Blanche Smith): LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. H. O. Reed).
28-29—San Diego, Calif.—COMBINED SHOWS: Town and Country Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Matil Rotter); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. H. O. Reed).
February

Martin); LH & SH Specialties (Louise Sample).

February

4—Edison, N. J.—Triangle Cat Club of New Jersey (ACA). All Breed (Florence Leopold); LH Specialty (Margaret Lovett); SH Specialty (Winfred Steele).

4.5—Rockford, III.—COMBINED SHOWS. Rock Valley Cat Club (ACFA). AB, LH, SH (tba). American National Cat Club (ACFA). AB, LH, SH (tba). American National Cat Club (ACFA). AB, LH, SH (tba).

4.5—Honolulu, Hawaii—Hawaii Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Richard Gebhardt); LH & SH Specialties (Pat Johnson).

4.5—St. Fetersburg, Fla.—Sunshine City Cat Club of Florida (ACA). All Breed (Doris Hobbs): LH Specialty (Helena Price); SH Specialty (Dana Learn).

4.5—Chicago, III.—Lincoln State Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Doris Springer); LH Specialty (Stella Calvert); All Shorthair and Siameae Specialty (Dorothy Brooks).

4.5—Houston, Texas — Houston Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Frances Herms); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. M. O'Brien).

11-12—Memphis, Tenn.—COMBINED SHOW. Memphis Dixieland Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Cat Darnell); LH & SH (tba). American National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Cat Darnell); LH & SH (tba). All Breed (Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Mars Hanson); LH & SH Specialties (Warne Park); Breed and Color Specialties (Betty Denny).

18-19—Roseburg, Oregon—Feline Fanciers of Oregon (ACFA). All Breed (Mars Hanson); LH & SH Specialties (Warne Park); Breed and Color Specialties (Betty Denny).

18-19—Long Beach, Calif.—Cal Coast Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Mary Kate Carrell); LH as SH Specialties (Worne Park); Breed and Color Specialties (Betty Denny).

18-19—Cong Beach, Calif.—Cal Coast Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Mary Kate Carrell); LH as SH Specialties (Worne Park); Breed (Mary Kate Carrell); LH as SH Specialties (Worth March LH as SH Specialties (Worth Membrican National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Helen Mueller); LH &

11—Bordentown, N. J.—Delaware Valley Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed (Lucy Clingan); LH Specialty (Jack Foster); SH Specialty (Dana Learn).

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SHOW REPORTS—from page 29

SC, Mx—Xantha's Candace of Tra Mar. 2nd B Cat; B DSH, T&T—Karabee Tiger Lilly, OS Cat, DSH, SC—Karabee Jax-Son. OS Gr Ch, T&T—Gray Horse Farm Jentleman. B Ch—Maryjune's Georgecat, PC DSH m, Sullivan; OS—Silver Quest Tatto, ST f, McQuillen. B Nov—Flo-Mar's Firercacker; OS —Bodoni. B Open. Aby—Selene's Firefty, OS Open; B RB—Casa Gates Zarina O'Bograe. OS FSH: Bur—KonKeKe KoKoMo. B Sia—Wolfkang's Blue Mamehen, BP m, Gorbam; OS—Kalyan Ankara of Madali, CP f, Buck OS Mx—Dwende's Winterwhite. OS Aby—Kalyan Ankara of Madali, CP f, Buck OS Mx—Dwende's Winterwhite. OS Aby—Kalyan Anber of KonKeKe. Cf. Spider Wing. B Neuter—Abache Warrior, BP, Bygel; Spay—Ups 'N' Downs Jah-Dah-Ling. Entries 247; Exhibitors: 116.

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Fanciers Forum

TO CLARIFY DR's, TR's, OD's, etc.

Your recent All-Sectional and All-American listings and the advertisements in connection with them have, I imagine, puzzled many of your readers. I refer to the designations Double Champion, Triple Champion, Quadruple Champion, and so forth, to which the Fancy as a whole gives one meaning while the

ACFA gives another meaning. Wouldn't CATS Magazine be performing a service for the entire Fancy if you devise a means of identifying a Double Champion, for example, as being an ACFA Double Champion, a Champion in UCF and CFA, a Champion in CFF and ACA, or some other variety?

It would seem that this could be done most easily by the use of small superior numbers, identifying each Association with a digit based, perhaps, on the age of the Association. That is of the Age ; a Double Grand Champion in CFA and UCF would be Db. Gr. Ch.2.4; while am ACFA Quadruple Champion would be Qd. Ch.5.

This would tell a great deal in a small space and requires only that we breeders furnish you the necessary information to put it into effect, and this, I'm sure we all want to do.

—Charles W. Lucas

Hirondelle Cattery 127 Briercliff Road Beaver Falls, Pa.

> WHY DO TOP HONORS ELUDE THE SIAMESE? ? ? By Marion Moore

Are Siamese being overlooked by the judges "Best of Show" awards in All Breed comnetition? The judges will deny this, Longhair breeders will scoff at the suggestion, and many Siamese breeders will be doubtful. But let's examine the results of the shows in the

Numerically, the Siamese have an over-whelming advantage; I have five catalogs selected at random. In these five shows, in the championship classes, there were a total of 43 Whites, 57 Blues, 27 Creams, 24 Blacks, 60 Chinchillas and Silvers, and a whopping 184 In fact, in the C.F.A. Columbia S. C. show, there were more Siamese than all

of these other colors combined. The idea of being unable to compete with the Longhairs was ridiculed by one Siamese breeder: "If we cannot compete, how come five of the top ten All-American cats in the 1957-58 show season and four of the top ten in the show season were Siamese?", he A check of CATS Magazine proved 1958-59 show asked. him to be exactly right. In the top ten cats listed for the 1957-58 season, Wolfgang's Melody of Be-Ba was listed second; Yindling Car-resse of Cymri, third; Boren's Little Lady Lilac, fourth; Elo-Yse's Hi-Voltage, sixth; and Quinn's Blue Knight of Fan-T-Cee, seventh.
The 1958-59 list showed Fan-T-Cee's Kabar
Kenny, second: Wolfgang's Fraunde of Timfy, fifth; Fan-T-Cee's Enchantress. sixth; anod Fan-T-Cee's Will-o-Wee of Tap-Toe, eighth.

A suggestion that possibly Longhairs were more glamorous looking, and thus impressed more glamorous looking, and thus impressed the judges more, was equally distasteful to a second breeder. "There are only so many points for coat, condition, eye color, etc., whether it is a Longhair or a Shorthair", she exploded. "Cats must be judged on points of perfection, not on glamour. On second thought, though, it might just possibly influence some Many of them have been Longhair breeders for years and cannot realize the progress we have made with Siamese."

Now the cold hard facts: Only 36 times in

298 shows were Siamese judged "Best Cat" in the All Breed competition. Of the 36, only one included Seal Points. 16 were Blue Points,

4 Chocolate Points, and 4 Lilac Points. Remembering that these 36 represented colors of Siamese, let's compare that with the individual colors of the Longhairs. Blues went 'Best Cat" in All Breed shows 69 times. The race between Creams and Whites for second position was very close, with the Creams winning 51 times and the Whites, 49.

Chinchillas and Silvers were next with 48. There were 24 Black winners, 8 Blue Creams, one Red, three Manx, and 2 Smokes. Four Abys, and three Burmese complete the lista total of 298 shows.

An interesting observation was the breakwn of the different associations. While UCF, CFF and ACA ran about the same percentage of Siamese winners, ACFA was way out in front, with Siamese awarded "Best" in 21 shows out of 93. In CFA, Siamese winners were almost non-existent, with only 4 out of 107 shows!

I hope that I have been able to give you some fairly accurate catstatistics, which were taken from show reports published in CATS Magazine in 1957, 1958, 1959 and through July of 1960. Whether they prove anything or not concerning the Siamese is moot, but I am inclined to agree with a close friend who is a and also a breeder of Siamese, who feels that there is an obvious answer to the opening question.

-Marion Moore

Pan American Cottery, Miami, Fla.

DELAWARE C. F. on NEW CFA RULE

Here are a few counterpoints on the pro-posed CFA rule discussed in the August CATS. These are the club's opinions as expressed in our vote and we think should be published as of interest to all the Cat Fancy:

1. We feel that there should be a change of rules to prevent so called "cheap champions" but we do not feel that the new rule is the solution.

Under the old point system it was possible for a cat to attend two shows (i.e., two All Breed and two Specialties) and with no competition be awarded sufficient points to become a champion. Under the new ruling the same cat would be awarded four winners ribbons in these shows and still become a champion withut competition in two shows. At the same time a Siamese capable of defeating the heavy competition existing in his breed would prob ably have to be carried to a third show to acquire a fourth winners ribbon, although he might complete a championship in the two shows under the old rule.

2. For the above reasons we feel that the new ruling does nothing to eliminate cheap champions but only penalizes cats in breeds where a number of cats are shown.

3. We should like to recommend a point system adjusted for each color classification, with competition required. As situations vary in different parts of the country we feel that this point rating should be adjusted to fit the needs of clubs within given geographical areas. As a basis for study we should like to suggest the

system used by the American Kennel Club. In June, 1959 a plan of this type tailored to meet the requirements of the Cat Fancy was presented for consideration by the CFA board by the chairman of the rules committee. This form of point rating would, we feel, be fair and would eliminate cheap champions, and we should like to recommend that a system of this sort be adopted by CFA.

DELAWARE CAT FANCIERS, INC.

Margaret T. Kearns, Secretary

40 Brookside Road Springfield, Pa.

1872 SIAMESE CONFIRMED Dear Editors:

A few years ago (CATS, November 1957) your book reviewer R.S. questioned the assertions by almost all British authorities on cats that Siamese first appeared in England in 1885. He referred to the catalog of the Crystal Palace Show of 1872 in London which mentioned Lady Dorothy Nevill's "Poodles who is listed there as a Siamese.

A letter by your editor on the same theme was published by the English Magazine Our Cats in May 1959 with a rebuttal by P. M. Soderberg to the effect that Poodles was not really a Siamese as we know them today, was just an ordinary cat imported from Siam.

I am happy to state that I have been able to discover that you and your reviewer are

My library of cat books includes the very rare "Our Cats and All About Them" by Harby Har-

rare "Our Cats and All About Them" by Harrison Weir, F.R.H.S., published in 1889.
His chapter on the Siamese cat refers specifically to Lady Dorothy Nevill's Siamese, and
is explicit in describing the Siamese as "light
grey or fawn colour with black and well
marked muzzle, ears, and legs..., the
markings being the same as the Himalayan
rabbirs.

I think we can safely say, then, that we have moved back to at least 1872 the date when the Siamese as we know it first made its appearance in England.

-Sam L. Scheer

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Cats Club and Show Reporter

THOSE JULY ABYS

. The five beautiful kittens on the July cover were a single litter of females. Owner and breeder is Mrs. Richard Worthen of North Reading, Mass. Their proud parents are Bris-Reading, Mass. tol's Tina, mother, and Db. Gr. & Qd. Ch. Selene's Firefly, father.

IT'S MEL-WAR in OXFORD

We regret that through error, the name of Mr. Heath Warden's Mel-War cattery of Ox-ford, Pa., appeared incorrectly as Mil-War in the All-Eastern issue

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GR. CH. NOR-MONT'S SIMONE'S RANDY There are many in the Cat Fancy who will be interested to know of the recent passing of another outstanding cat, Nor-Mont Simone's Randy, Cream Longhair male. Randy, bred by Mrs. Merald E. Hoag was tied for third in the 1960 Top Ten All-Southern, and was Southern H.M. Cream Male. This three-year-old, m Grand Champion in ACFA, needed only one more point to have completed his CFA Grand — all points earned this past show season. Just didn't get to another CFA show. -Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Ehrhardt

Ben-Mar Cattery 3502 Belvedere Drive Columbia, S. C.

INTELLECT page 13)

But our feline friends we shall have with us for quite a long time to come and in comparatively unspoiled condition. It is well said that no one has ever yet made a slave out of a cat and this should rejoice all of us. As I see it, the cat's intelligence is based solidly upon its sturdy independence, a situation that could only be changed to the detriment of the cat.

(Should any reader of CATS see fit to do so, well authenticated examples of feline intelligence will be gladly accepted by the writer. In fact, a book of interesting stories is entirely possible and could be a source of pleasure and profit to all of us. Please send the material to: Starr Gilmore, E. 2908—17th Avenue,

Spokane, Washington.)

(from BACK FENCE page 26)

across the street and then disappearing under his trailer. He got out of the cab, looked under the wheels in front, went to the back, reached up under the frame and pulled out a frightened bundle of cat.

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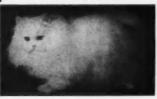
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